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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 OAKLAND DIVISION

LIYONG LI and XIAOMING WANG,) No. C 07-3653 SBA

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the)
 Department of Homeland Security;)
 EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director of U.S.)
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;)
 ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director of)
 Federal Bureau of Investigation;)
 CHRISTINA POULOS, Regional Director)
 of California Service Center, U.S.)
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;)
 PETER D. KEISLER, United States)
 Attorney General,)

Defendants)

JOINT REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION
 FROM THE FORMAL ADR PROCESS

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled
 “Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California,” or the specified portions of
 the ADR Unit’s Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute
 resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might
 benefit from any of them.

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Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this action is limited to Plaintiffs' request for a hearing on their naturalization applications. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

Dated: November 6, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Defendants

Dated: November 5, 2007


/s/
LIYONG LI
Pro Se

/s/
XIAOMING WANG
Pro Se

ORDER

Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 12/24/07


SAUNDRA B. ARMSTRONG
United States District Judge

¹I, Melanie L. Proctor, hereby attest that I have on file all holograph signatures for any signatures indicated by a "conformed" signature (/S/) within this efiled document.

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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 FOR THE
4 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

5 LU et al,

6 Plaintiff,

7 v.

8 CHERTOFF et al,

9 Defendant.

Case Number: CV07-04221 SBA

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

10 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District
11 Court, Northern District of California.

12 That on January 7, 2008, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said
13 copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said
14 envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle
15 located in the Clerk's office.

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19 Dated: January 7, 2008

20 Richard W. Wieking, Clerk
21 By: LISA R CLARK, Deputy Clerk
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